



Warwickshire Parent Carer Webinar (SEND) Speech and Language Provision 19th July 2022 Q&A's

- 1. I have recently heard about contacting the Council about creating a [Education] Health Care Plan for our son, that would look to suggest/pay for increased support for him at school. Can you advise on the first stage in the process?**

The first point of contact would be the school SENCo. The link below contains information that might be helpful around the 'Graduated Approach' and understanding what support is available for schools and settings in response to that.

- [Speech, Language and Communication Needs Pathway for Schools: A graduated response](#)

- 2. Do you have to wait until the Health Visitor refers your child to Speech and Language Services? Is there a link between tongue tie and speech problems?**

You don't have to wait for the health visitor to refer you. If you are worried, please contact Speech and Language earlier rather than later. Also, speak to your health Visitor and ask them what their thoughts are. If a child is not able to stick their tongue out beyond their lips they may struggle with some speech sounds, but this link is less common than believed. If they can get their tongue out to lick a lolly, this is far enough to produce the speech sounds, so should not be an issue, but ask if you are worried.

- 3. How do I get in touch?**

SaLT – Provided by South Warwickshire Foundation Trust (SWFT) www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-services/speech-and-language-therapy

Contact details for Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT):

- Warwick 01923 567139 ext 3627
- Nuneaton 02476 378620
- Rugby 01788 555107
- Stratford 01789 405100 ext 346

- 4. My daughter has speech and language therapy at school, I don't feel like she is progressing. Am I allowed to go to her sessions to see how she gets on?**

Absolutely. SaLT would welcome you to be there, because you will learn ways of supporting the speech development at home, which will be a great help. A parent being present may help the child feel more able to work with the Speech and Language Therapist. Teaching Assistants could also be involved. To support the child and to help them develop the skills to support the child's development outside of the sessions. The more people in the child's environment that know the right techniques and can apply them the better.



- 5. I have 7-year-old twin boys that are non-verbal. They have started to copy words and sounds, I always repeat back when they say something and always talking to them. Is there anything else you could recommend?**

What you are doing is great; repeating back when they say something and always talking to them is brilliant. You will know if they are showing a particular interest in something and getting involved in that will help too; make sure you get down to their level and keep their interest by playing with the things that they want to play with in the way that they want to play with them. When talking, leave gaps and accept whatever form of communication they're offering you. It might be nonverbal communication, but if they are making sounds or if they are copying facial expressions or gestures, then that is communication.

- 6. My child gets SaLT through school as per the Education, Health and Care Plan but it is not sufficient. We also pay for a private Speech Therapist. What is the most appropriate route to get the private therapist recognised in the EHCP and for her to be funded rather than us paying more on top?**

If it can wait until your annual review then discuss it then, if its more urgent then contact SENDAR (SEND Assessment and Review Team in the County Council).

- SENDAR contact details: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contactussendar>

Useful Links

SEND Local Offer webpages <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

New Local Offer Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WarksLocalOffer>

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

- www.warwickshireparentvoice.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/Warksparentcarervoice>